

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1895

It was not our intention to insinuate that Mr. A. S. Hartwell had broken any agreement in the Cupid writ of habeas corpus case. As far as the general was personally concerned, he did not oppose the granting of bail to the petitioner. It was simply impossible for the Court to grant bail under the statutes.

In the Collector-General's report to the Minister of Finance it is shown that the importation of California wine is steadily increasing, and that the consumption of Japanese saki has increased nearly 80,000 gallons during the last year. The California exporters of wine cried out, therefore, before they were hurt.

The Minister of Finance has issued his report for the nine months ending December 31st, 1894. According to the report it is seen that the expenditures of the Government for the last two years have exceeded the income by nearly \$10,000 a month or about \$350 a day. What the end will be is a problem of some interest to the tax-payers. The report does not show how much the Government owes around town.

We publish in another column a letter in which a subscriber takes the INDEPENDENT to task for publishing a communication in which the Hawaiian is criticized. We have received several letters to similar effect. The INDEPENDENT desires to state that its columns are not held exclusive to any sect or party. They are always open to the discussion of questions of interest to the community, and both sides can be heard in this paper.

Observations.

To the man, possibly men, of our nineteen rulers who does any thinking we commend two expressions of a recent writer on peoples and Governments. The one runs thus: "The man who runs this government is not in danger from its own citizens." Now it goes without saying that the great majority of the citizens of these islands are not in sympathy with the nineteen who have set themselves up as a government. It is an open secret that the nineteen are not in sympathy each with the other; that there are grave differences of opinion between the individuals comprising the nineteen; and, if the *Bulletin* is to be believed, there is a rift

in the Cabinet that makes for discord; that the nineteen believe, in this they may be a unit, that their government is "in danger from its own citizens," otherwise why is the city like a military camp, and why do we hear of armed organizations on Hawaii and Maui where there have been no evidences of armed opposition? The other expression runs thus: "The theory is, that a nation that cannot be held together by love of country, ought not to be pinned together by bayonets." This aphorism might profitably be considered by each of our nineteen rulers and their minority of citizens; but it surely deserves the attention and consideration of the majority. Now let it distinctly be understood that we are not revolutionists, never were, and do not wish to be. We advise a peaceful solution of all of our national differences; but we respectfully ask the nineteen, individually and collectively, how under the ironclad text of the constitution they imposed upon the citizens of these islands any change can be effected? How and who is to cut the knot and lead to a peaceful solution of our differences?

It is in the air, we cannot trace the rumor to a reliable source, that the revenues of our unhappy republic are falling away and that its expenses are increasing. In fact the figures we have are that the revenues so far this year are \$150,000 less than for the corresponding term last year, and that the expenses are \$50,000 greater. This is burning the candle at both ends. We have either to obtain more revenue, spending less, or go bankrupt. With such a prospect it is hard for a taxpayer to be patient while the government keeps up a military and a police establishment entirely out of proportion to its needs. But the government goes further and keeps up a useless patrol of the waters between and around the islands, in the hope of—what? If to prevent the smuggling of opium why not make a short cut and find out what the Custom House ring knows about the drug. If to prevent the landing of men and arms on the shores of these islands, then why make themselves ridiculous with such a show of force? So far we are told that the first cruise of the *Lehua* landed an albicore, and the second an ulua, and the third the Port Surveyor. But, putting joking aside, we say seriously that the self-appointed junta that spends our taxes had better take counsel of their own adherents, for the pocket of a P. G. man is as sensitive to a new tax levy as that of a monarchist. Comparisons are odious and just now they are rife in the ranks of both P. G.'s

and monarchists as to the relative advantages of both forms of government, with a strong leaning toward the old order of things.

We believe in art, and we believe in the Kilohana Art League, particularly the lady members of it. Heaven bless them. We believe too in Hitchcock (not the marshal); he has undoubted genius. This can be established beyond peradventure by looking at any of his later canvases. But we must protest, now that the cruel war is over, against his effort to perpetuate any of the scenes of the late war. We must indeed, particularly the ludicrous features of it, and there were many, in fact the most of them were mirth-provoking. Of course there were scenes that were and are sad; dening; in thinking of and about those we yield to no one in sincere sorrow and regret. The particular canvas of Mr. Hitchcock's to which we refer is the one on exhibition entitled the "Fort at Makapuu." When our young hotspurs broke for the other side of the range of hills that bisect this island, when the rioters were known to be on this side, we admired their caution, and for their sake think it questionable taste to make their masterly prudence the subject of an artist's brush.

VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY.

Fitting Honors Paid to the Venerable British Queen.

The general invitation to the public issued by Mr. A. G. S. Hawes, Her Britannic Majesty's Commissioner and Consul General, to attend a reception at the Consulate General, was very largely responded to. President Dole and Ministers Hatch, King, Damon and Smith, Chief Justice Judd and Justice Frear of the Supreme Court, Judge Whiting of the Circuit Court, Admiral Beardslee, Captain Cotton and officers of the United States cruiser *Philadelphia*, members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and a large number of ladies and gentlemen prominent in social life and in the trade and industry of the country were present.

The reception was in the form of a garden party, being held on the lawn in the rear of the Commissioner's residence on Kinau street. Extensive borders of white and scarlet fabric alternating draped the fences and served as a windbreak. A detached outtage was used as a reception pavilion. A large awning had been erected over the steps and the front of the building was literally covered with flags of different nations, British ensigns tastefully arranged being the central pieces. Barn and carriage house were also screened with flags, and, in short, gay bunting fluttered all over the grounds. The main house was beautifully decorated. An archway of flags over the driveway

leading to the reception area was surmounted with a shield bearing the British arms and the sign of the Consulate-General.

Both the Government band and the band of the United States cruiser *Philadelphia* were on the ground playing alternately. Their playing of British airs was very delightful.

Mr. Hawes stood at the entrance of the canopy in front of the outtage to receive the guests. He was attended by Mr. T. Rain Walker, British Vice Consul. As Mr. Dole arrived the Government band played Hawaii Pono, and Mr. Hawes went some distance to receive the President.

Along the rear of the ground tables were extended, laden with refreshments of the choicest cookery. Wine and other beverages were lavishly served according to individual preferences, and toasts to the continued health of the illustrious lady were frequently heard. Eulogiums of the princely hospitality of the Commissioner were general, and the warmest praise was heard on all hands for the magnificent setting he had given the event. It is needless to say that all Britons present were proud to see such loyal honor paid to their beloved and venerable sovereign.

AT INDEPENDENCE PARK.

There was a regular crush in the pavilion at Independence Park in the evening, the occasion being the dance in honor of Queen Victoria's birthday by Captain Cook Lodge, Sons of St. George, and the Scottish Thistle Club. It was a very congenial gathering of young people, with a goodly sprinkling of elderly folks. Commissioner Hawes attended. When he arrived a dance on the floor was suspended and the orchestra played the British national anthem. Mr. F. M. Hatch, Minister of Foreign Affairs, represented the Hawaiian Government at the party. Dancing continued until sometime after midnight, an intermission being taken in the middle of the order for refreshments. These were of a very inviting kind, having been supplied by ladies related to members of the two societies. Draught beer was furnished on the ticket system, and with the collation excellent tea and coffee, also aerated waters, were served.

The committee spared no pains to make all of the company feel at home. Mr. W. F. Reynolds as chairman gave systematic direction to the arrangements before and at the ball, so that there was not the slightest confusion even when the influx of guests was at its highest. Mr. George Harris was chief doorkeeper and would hardly accept any relief even after having been several hours standing in one place. Mr. E. B. Thomas was the efficient floor manager, and there was perfect satisfaction with his mild sway.

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Maui Notes.

The Hawaiian sleuth of the seas, the steamer *Lehua*, arrived in port last Monday from Molokai, so said one of the crew. The admiral asked for the Consuelo, and upon learning that the vessel had not arrived, put to sea the same afternoon. The nonarrival of the Consuelo, which is 18 days out, led some people to think that the *Lehua* had made a capture, but news from Honolulu this morning upset all chance of a sea yarn.

Through the information of a spy the police raided the residence of Ah Ming in Kahului last Wednesday and captured 12 tins opium, Ah Ming enriched the Hawaiian Treasury to the extent of \$150 next day.

Aloha Loddgo, K. of P., ball on next Thursday evening promises to be the finest ever given on Maui. The following gentlemen compose the committees which have the affair in charge.

Reception Committee: I. B. Maynard, D. Quill, E. B. Carley, W. A. Mekay, A. Hocking.

Refreshment Committee: G. F. Brittain, C. H. Broad, R. A. Gardiner, W. E. Asher, A. Sheppard.

Floor Committee: D. Quill, Dr. J. H. Raymond, L. B. Maynard.

Floor Manager: E. B. Carley. The Japanese colony is holding a grand peace jubilee at Kahului race track. The flag of the Rising Sun can be seen flying in all directions.

A game of baseball is being played this afternoon between the Makawae and West Maui nines. There is talk of forming a baseball league in the near future.

Mrs. N. E. Aars, an old resident of Paia, died very suddenly Thursday morning. The deceased lady was 41 years of age, and leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss.

The coming session of the Circuit Court will most likely be a short one.

Senator A. L. Hocking is up and around again and will help to receive the ladies at the ball.

Messrs. C. L. Wight and E. D. Tenney arrived by the *Claudine* this morning from Hawaii. They go to Honolulu by the *Claudine* this evening.

The harbor is empty. No vessels have yet arrived from the coast. Four or five are due and will arrive within the next few days.

Conductor Quill is a great dancer for a young man.

Mr. P. B. Aiken has opened a photograph gallery in Kahului.

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2nd—RUNNING RACE

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(Maiden race) 1-2 mile dash for all Maui bred. Weight for age

5th—RUNNING RACE

Purse \$50

(Corinthian race) 1 mile dash. Members of the Association to ride. Welter weights

6th—RUNNING RACE

Purse \$100

1-2 mile and repeat for Hawaiian bred horses

7th—RUNNING RACE

Purse \$100

3-4 mile dash, free for all

The above is subject to change

A. N. KEPOIKAI,

Secretary Maui Racing Association.

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Timely Topics

May 20, 1895.

The special session of the Legislature will meet on the 12th of June. The most important question which will be treated by the august body of super wise men is the new land law. It is the intention of the government to open up to settlers the vast lands now owned by the government and it is proposed to dispose of them on the very easiest and best terms. The lands which especially will be offered are of different natures and suitable for different purposes. Grazing and coffee lands, sugar and fruit lands and lots suitable for the small farmer or for residence only will be placed in market. If the government succeeds in establishing a land boom under the suggested term, it will be entitled to great credit and a great step will have been taken in the line of solving the present question of "hard times" now staring the whole community in the face.

But whether the lands to be offered are to be used for the cultivation of coffee or the promotion of guava jelly, one fact remains; it is necessary for the prospective settler to purchase an Aermotor and secure sufficient water for his premises.

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